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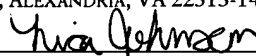
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In response to the Office Action of June 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** beginning on page 7 of this paper.

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